



County of San Diego DPLU Update

September 2010

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Sept. 15: Board of Supervisors:
(1) Solar Energy Ordinance
(2) Interim Wind Energy Ordinance
- Sept. 24 Planning Commission:
Zoning Ordinance Update
- Oct. 20 Board of Supervisors:
(tentative) Adoption of General Plan Update

For more information and additional upcoming meetings, please visit the Calendar on the General Plan Update [Web site](#).

Advance Planning News

General Plan Update

General Plan Update scheduled for October 20 Board of Supervisors hearing!!

The General Plan Update has been tentatively scheduled to be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 20, following final recommendations by the San Diego Planning Commission. The Commission made its final recommendations for approval of the General Plan Update, including revisions to the Zoning Classifications for Individual Properties, the Zoning Ordinance and other County Ordinances on Aug. 20.

The [Planning Report](#) and [Zoning Maps](#) are available online, and the [Planning Commission Recommended Land Use Alternative \(April 2010\)](#) is also available.

Revised Responses to Comments on the General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report Posted

Revised draft responses to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report were posted on the [General Plan Update website](#) on Aug. 5, 2010. The revisions also include the addition of responses for persons and organizations who submitted comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report after the initial August 31, 2009 deadline.

Policy and Ordinance Development

Zoning Ordinance General Clean-Up Scheduled for Planning Commission – September 24th

Advanced Planning staff is preparing another general clean-up to the County Zoning Ordinance. Proposed amendments will include the addition of definitions, and minor revisions to various sections of the ordinance. This action also proposes to make minor changes to the County Regulatory Code related to Surface Mining Operations and the County Administrative Code related to Rules of Conduct and Procedure. The public review period for the Zoning Ordinance Update and associated environmental documents ended Aug. 27. The Zoning Ordinance amendment will be brought to the Planning Commission on September 24. The draft ordinance can be viewed at the [Advance Planning website](#). (Staff Contact: [Heather Steven](#)).

Board of Supervisors to Consider Solar Energy Ordinance – September 15th

Advance Planning has been working on amendments that would update the Zoning Ordinance's renewable energy regulations. The Solar Energy Ordinance will codify the Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency with the County's current practices for permitting of solar energy systems as well as introduce new procedures for the permitting on small off-site use photovoltaic solar energy systems. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Solar Energy Ordinance July 23. The Solar Energy Ordinance will go to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration Sept. 15. The public can view the draft Solar Energy Ordinance at the [DPLU Advance Planning website](#) (Staff Contact: [Marcus Lubich](#))

Board of Supervisors to Consider Interim Wind Energy Ordinance – September 15th

In addition to the Solar Energy Ordinance, Advance Planning staff has been working on comprehensive updates to the existing wind energy regulations. Additional environmental analysis will be required for the entire ordinance. However in the interim; staff is bringing forward minor changes to the small wind energy system portion of the existing Zoning Ordinance to allow for additional small wind turbine systems with an Administrative Permit. On July 23 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Interim Wind Energy Ordinance. The ordinance is now scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 15. The public can view the draft Interim Wind Energy Ordinance at the [DPLU Advance Planning website](#) (Staff Contact: [Carl Stiehl](#))

Board of Supervisors Approves Density Bonus Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors approved the Density Bonus Ordinance Aug. 4. The ordinance updated the Zoning Ordinance to include density bonus provisions consistent with State law. The ordinance also consolidated two existing County density bonus programs creating comprehensive density bonus regulations. The ordinance will go into effect on September 3. The approved Density Bonus Ordinance can be viewed on the [Advance Planning website](#). (Staff Contact: [Dixie Switzer](#))

Board of Supervisors Approves the Tiered Winery Ordinance

On August 4 the Board of Supervisors approved the Tiered Winery Ordinance. The Tiered Winery Ordinance amends the Zoning Ordinance by creating four "tiers" of winery types. The scale and scope of the winery operations correspond to their "tiered" classification. The ordinance will go into effect on September 3. The ordinance can be viewed at the [Policy and Ordinance Development website](#) (Staff Contact: [Matt Schneider](#)).

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www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate